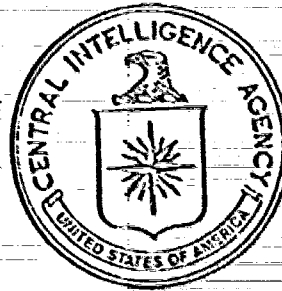


UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Muhammad ibn Rashid al-Maktum al-Falasa

Minister of Defense

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Rashid al-Maktum al-Falasa is the third of four sons of the Ruler of Dubai, Shaykh Rashid ibn Sa'id al-Maktum al-Falasa. He was appointed Minister of Defense in the first United Arab Emirates (UAE) Cabinet, formed on 9 December 1971.

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In February 1968, the Ruler appointed Shaykh Muhammad Chief of Police and Public Security in Dubai and sent him to the United Kingdom for training.

In December 1971 Shaykh Muhammad applied to the US Munitions Control Board for approval to purchase armaments for Bell helicopters to be used by both Dubai and UAE security forces.

Shaykh Muhammad paid his first visit to Egypt in March 1972. He had visited Lebanon a month earlier. Shaykh Muhammad is about 25 years old and, as of December 1971, unmarried. Of the four sons, Muhammad is most like his father in character and personality.

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